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1. POST EXPECTS TO BE MAKING PRELIMINARY POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE DETAILED WORK ON US-JORDAN
JOINT COMMISSION ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY MONDAY, JUNE 24.

2. IN TALK WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN ATHERTON, SAUNDERS
AND AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED IN A GENERAL WAY CONCEPT OF
JOINT COMMISSION. HASSAN HAD EARLIER CALLED IN
AMBASSADOR WHEN HE BECAME AWARE OF PROPOSAL AND SPOKE
OF HIS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT.

3. HASSAN WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE JORDANIAN REPRESENTATIVE
IN AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATCHED WITH AID
ADMINISTRATOR PARKER. SOME PROTOCOL PROBLEMS IN JORDAN,
HASSAN IS NOT MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT PER SE, MIGHT PREVENT
THIS. HASSAN'S PRESENT THOUGHTS RUN ALONG LINES
OF CREATING JORDANIAN GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE WHICH
HE MIGHT HEAD IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR HIS ASSUMPTION
OF THE LEAD ROLE FOR JORDAN.

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4. HASSAN IS ALSO MOST CONCERNED ABOUT QUESTION OF WINDING IN PRIVATE SECTOR. WE SAID THIS WOULD PROBABLY MOST APPROPRIATELY BE DONE IN CONTEXT OF A SUBGROUP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT. HASSAN HAS LONG WISHED TO COMBINE JORDAN'S TWO STRONG LOCAL BUSINESS GROUPS INTO A BODY AND JOINT COMMISSION MAY WELL HELP HIM TO DO THIS. HE HOPES VERY MUCH THAT US PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MOST CAREFULLY SELECTED--HE HAS HAD DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE WITH "SHARKS". HE THOUGHT NOT ONLY OF BANKING ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CHASE AND FNCB, PROMINENT FIRMS INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN JORDAN, BUT A NUMBER OF HIGHLY PLACED AND INFLUENTIAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHOSE PARTICIPATION WOULD HELP STIMULATE NEW INTEREST IN JORDAN.

5. EARLIER POST ASKED FOR INFORMATION BY CABLE ON GENERAL OUTLINES OF WORK DONE ON JOINT COMMISSIONS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREAS SOMEWHAT PARALLEL TO THE SUBGROUPS PROPOSED FOR JORDAN IN JUNE 18 JOINT STATEMENT. IT WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL IF WE COULD HAVE A REPORT BY CABLE OF THIS CHARACTER BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, JUNE 21.

6. PRIME MINISTER'S OWN THOUGHTS ON JOINT COMMISSION FAVOR NOTION OF PARENT BODY WITH WORKING GROUPS OR SUBORDINATE COMMITTEE DEALING WITH SUCH SUBJECTS. ANNUAL ROYAL VISIT MIGHT BE KICK-OFF FOR REGULAR MEETINGS. AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE WOULD HOPE TO HEAD JOINT COMMISSION WITH SECRETARY CHAIRING FOR US SIDE. COMMISSION THEN MIGHT COME INTO OPERATION TO FOLLOW-UP ROYAL VISIT AND BE ALSO CONVOKED AS A MORE FORMAL ORGANIZATION DURING SUCH VISITS AS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON BY CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. PICKERING

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